**Community Notices**

**St Mary’s Church, Bruton** is hosting an **Organ Concert** by **David Slater** on **Friday, 13th September** at **7:30pm.** Tickets cost £10 on the door, bar available. All proceeds towards a new toilet for the church. Come along and enjoy David’s beautiful music.

**Wincanton & District Gardeners’ Association** present **67th Annual Show** on **Saturday 7th September**  at **2:00pm** in the **Memorial Hall, Wincanton.** Adults £1.50, Children u16 free. Refreshments available. Prizes 3:30pm. Classes for children. Show schedules available at Parish Office, Wild Cardz, Library or Show Secretary T:32081.

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**PRAYER DIARY**

**From the readings:** “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ”

**Prayer Chain:** If you would like immediate prayers for yourself or someone you know please contact the following (requests passed in confidence): Penny Ashton 07733 162342 or Judy Chiplen 33834. If you wish to join the prayer chain, contact Judy 33834. If you wish to be added to our Prayer List, please contact Penny, Judy or Rachel in the Parish Office.

**Please continue to pray for** those of our fellowship and friends whoare ill or recovering from operations: June Beech, Irene Rix (Sue Hall’s Mum), Ann & Bryan Phillips, Sam (Gill Oaten’s Great Great Nephew), Joyce Bentley, Mike Gray, Brenda Piper, Rosemary Watson, Elroi Manor, Oliver Feltham, Mavis Way, Andrew Gardner, Elizabeth Wise, Brian Dicker, Christopher Browne, Sandra Jones, Ken and Ann Madeley, Josie Dukes, Ben White, Sylvie Pattison, Anne Beaven, Grace Cox, Bishop Peter & Jane Hancock, Sandra James, Gill Abbott.

**Please remember** the long-term sick, the housebound & their carers.

**Please pray for those who grieve, and for the departed:** Mavis Lawrence, Patricia King, Gwen Evans.

* We pray for our interregnum and for the future of our churches coming together with our neighbouring parishes of Cucklington with Stoke Trister and Bayford and Charlton Musgrove, and for our vacancy process.
* We pray for His Majesty King Charles III and Her Royal Highness, Catherine, Princess of Wales both undergoing treatment for cancer.

*Parish Office: Administrator: Rachel Feltham – Office hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9:15am to 1:15pm. Address: Parish Office, 38 High Street, Wincanton BA9 9JF.*

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 **1st September 1st Sunday of Creation**

**Everyone is very warmly welcome to our services:**

Welcome!

**SUNDAY 1st September:**

 **9:00am** Pen Selwood – Rise & Shine Family Service led by Penny Ashton

**10:45am** Wincanton – Communion Service with Rev Hilary Jalland

 **Readings: Isaiah 55: 6-13 Mark 4: 1-9**

**Please join us for tea and coffee after the services**

A loop system operates at both churches. Large print service sheets are also available – please ask a Churchwarden for them. ‘Play bags’ are available for children in the play corner at Wincanton. A public toilet is available just outside the North gate up the road on the right-hand side at Wincanton. At Pen Selwood toilet facilities are in the adjacent village hall (please obtain the key from a sides-person/helper).

**SUNDAY 8th September:**

 **9:00am** Pen Selwood – Communion Service with Rev Diane Barrett

**10:45am** Wincanton – Communion Service with Rev Lydia Avery

 **Readings: Psalm 104: 1-35 Luke 13: 6-9**

 ***Please take a copy of this newsletter to a friend or neighbour who is not in church today so that they may keep in touch with Church/parish events.***

**DIARY DATES**

**Black Bin Café** Held in Pen Selwood Village Hall every other Friday **10:30am – 12:30pm** a great social event and well worth a visit. Tea, coffee and wonderful cakes. Café open **Sept 6th** & **20th** and **Oct 4th**. Please check [www.penselwood.ning](http://www.penselwood.ning) for more details.

**5th September Mother’s Union Meeting 2:30pm** at **St Peter & St Paul’s**

 **Church** has been **CANCELLED.** See you on **3rd October.**

**14th September Coffee Morning** in **Wincanton Church –** **10:00am – 12:00.** Homemade Cakes & Savouries, Refreshments, Books & Raffle! Come along and enjoy this friendly, social event. **All welcome**!

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**Readings for the Weeks Ahead:**

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| **Day** | **Psalm** | **Reading** |
| Monday 2nd September | 1 | Acts 13: 13-43 |
| Tuesday 3rd September | 5 | Acts 13: 44-14:7 |
| Wednesday 4th September | 119: 1-32 | Acts 14: 8-end |
| Thursday 5th September | 15 | Acts 15: 1-21 |
| Friday 6thSeptember | 19 | Acts 15: 22-35 |
| Saturday 7th September | 23 | Acts 15: 36-16:5 |

#### Church Diary

Sun 1st Sept 9:00am Pen Selwood – Rise & Shine Family Service (Penny Ashton)

 10:45am Wincanton – Communion Service (Rev Hilary Jalland)

Tues 3rd Sept 7:30pm Wincanton – Bell Ringing Practice

Thur 5th Sept 7:30pm Wincanton – **NO** Choir Practice

Sun 8th Sept 9:00am Pen Selwood – Communion Service (Rev Diane Barrett)

 10:45am Wincanton – Communion Service (Rev Lydia Avery)

StPeter & St Paul’s Church Wincanton is open daily from 9am–3pm via the **South Door.**

St Michael’s Church in Pen Selwood is open every day 10am – 3pm.

#### Church Notices

 **Explore Alpha!** We are holding another Alpha course beginning on **18th September** at **6.30pm** in the **Catholic Church**. Everyone is very welcome to come along, no matter your background or beliefs, for an open and friendly evening to eat, relax and get to know the group, followed by a short video. There is a chance to share your thoughts on the session’s topic but no pressure to say anything. Listening & forming your own opinion is fine too. For further information contact **Penny:** 07733 162342 or **Jo:** 07909 652467.

**Prayer for the Vacancy**

*Beloved God, surround us with your spirit as we work together during this time of vacancy. Guide us as we come together in our new Benefice of Wincanton, Pen Selwood, Cucklington, Stoke Trister and Charlton Musgrove. Lead us, Lord. In Jesus’ name, Amen.*

The **Mothers’ Union Meeting** due to take place in Wincanton Church on **Thursday 5th September at 2:30pm** has been **CANCELLED**. We will see you next time, in **October (Thursday 3rd October 2:30pm in church).** Many apologies.

**Wincanton Church: Fundraising Events – Dates for your diary:**

**October 12th** in church – Coffee Morning & Sponsored Knit

**November 2nd** in church – Coffee Morning & Christmas Fayre (please note change of date to 1st Saturday in the month)

**November 15th** in the Memorial Hall, Wincanton – Christmas Bingo! Eyes down 7:30pm

**December 14th** in the church – Christmas Coffee Morning

**Home Communion and other visits –** It is possible to make pastoral visits, and this could include home communion. Please get in touch to arrange. **Penny Ashton.**

**EMERGENCY! LEAD STRIPPED** from our beautiful Church roof in Wincanton. This will require immediate and costly repairs. Any financial help towards the cost of repairs would be very gratefully received. Donations can be made by scanning this QR Code with your mobile phone, or you can click on the following link, which is also on our website: <https://givealittle.co/c/2cS6rKVFOzrs3qNEGJfGkB>. You can also donate via cheque made payable to ‘Wincanton PCC’ and sent to the Parish Office, 38 High Street, Wincanton BA9 9JF. **Every £1 you kindly donate will help us enormously. THANK YOU 😊**



**Wincanton Church Sponsored Knit** - This year we are knitting babies/children’s hats, mitts or scarves (or all three if you like). There are patterns at the back of the church but feel free to use your own. Sponsor forms are also at the back of the church. If you are not knitting, please sponsor someone who is. Hopefully we will all get together to knit at the coffee morning on **October 12th**. Soon after, Sarah Steven will take the knitted items to the Methodist Church in Sherborne, where they are distributed to those who need them. So, let's get knitting now so that we can send a nice big parcel! Money raised from the sponsored knit will go to church funds. **Thank you**.

**MU Diaries and Christmas Cards -** It's August so time to order your Mother's Union diaries and Christmas cards! On the MU table at the back of Wincanton Church is a catalogue and order form. Write your order and name on the form. Any queries please speak to **Judy**.

**St Andrew’s Church in Stoke Trister** invite you to their **Churchyard BBQ** on **Sunday 15th September** at **12:30pm.** Donations only, Jazz music and friendship. **All welcome.**

**Wincanton Church Coffee Morning** – We would be very grateful for donations for Raffle prizes for our coffee mornings please, also donations of homemade cakes and sausage rolls would be hugely appreciated. If you can help, please bring donations along to the coffee morning or see the Churchwardens. Raffle prizes can be left at the Parish Office. The next Coffee Mornings is on **Saturday 14th September**. Thank you.